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SOLONS MEET

Proceedings of Last Night's Session of the Council.

ASKS FOR A FRANCHISE

Electric Light Plants in

A report from the Fire Committee recommending that a base carriage and borse be purchased for the fire department was read and referred to the Ordinance Committee. It is quite probable that favorable action will be taken

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PLANS FOR BILIDGES.

The special bridge committee submitted a report recommending that the city advertise for plans and specifications, together with bids, for the erection of two overhead bridges—one at Twenty-fifth street and the other over the railroad at Thirty-fourth street.

After auditing the bills against the city the council adjourned.

BRIEFS.

The Virginia State Insurance Co., of Richmond, Va., through their agents, Marye & Boyenton, have donated two tons of ice for the use of the soldiers at Camp Grant and Camp Warburton. Miss Ella Mayo, an attractive young lady of Manchester, Va., arrived in the city yesterday and is the guest of hercousin, Mrs. T. D. Adams, at the Powhatan, on West avenue.

Attorney Samuel Regester and Mr. W. J. Payne, of Richmond, arrived in the-city last evening.

A "dead drunk," who was picked up at the C. & O. depot last night by Patrolman Wood and Special Officer Petius was hauled to jail on a truck.

Sheriff N. C. Watts, of Staunton, Va., is in the city on business.

Excursion to Elchmond \$1.00 Sunday, August 7th, leaves Old Point it S A. M., Phoebus 8:03, A. M., Hamp-on, 8:06 and Newport News, 8:20. Re-urn leaves Richmond at 8 P. M. J. F. HERMAN.

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criort had it that he was employed on one of the C. & O. tug boats, and still another rumor was that the man is a clitzen of Hampton. At any rate, a white man was shot in the house by Lizzie Harris and, as usual, it is said to be another "I-didn't-know-it-was-loaded" cesse. Lizzie, according to the meagre statements given out at the house, went to a bureau, and while fooling with a 32-calibre revolver pulled the trigger. The gun went off and the bullet took effect in the unknown man's neck. A physician was summoned. He probed for the ball, but failed to locate it. However, he thinks the man will recover.

Polleeman Watkins appeared on the scene shortly after the shooting occurred, but he made no arrests after he was told the shooting was accidental. Newport News is becoming famous for accidental shooting scrapes, and it is time some of them were being investigated. At any rate the parties who handle revolvers recklessly should be made to appear in court and show to the satisfaction of the proper officials that the shooting was accidental. People who know nothing about fre arms should not be permitted to handle them, and when they do they should be heavily fined. It is time the maining of innocent people by fools was being stopped. It is sometimes the case that these alleged accidental shooting agrays are not accidents at all. It a moment of peace a man shoots a woman or vice versa, and then to escape the clutches of the law it is called "accidental" shooting.

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Military Attache Praises the Bravery of Our Men.

SAW THE SANTIAGO FIGHT

used by the Spaniards were anti-quated."

Captain Webster was not impressed with the soldierly bearing of the Cu-bians. "The Cubans could not be seen,' said he, "when an engagement opened. They knew nothing about scientific warfare. The men are not trained and fight as an organized mob."

In the military attache's opinion the Cubans rendred the American army very little service except as guides. Captain Webster is a trained soldler and has represented his government in several campaigns. He viewed the bat-tles between the Turks and Greeks. He is going to Forto Elco, though he be-lieves the prospects for early peace are good.

PREPARING FOR A CRUISE.

Cruiser Minneapolis Undergoing Extensive Repairs.

sive Repairs.

The work of overhauling the splendid protected cruiser Minneapolls, Captain Jewell, is rapidly approaching completion. It is now quite certain that all of her repairs will be finished at the shipyard here and the cruiser will not be sent to the shipyard at Norfolk, contrary to expectations.

The officers of the Minneapolls have no idea where their ship will be ordered but they know that she is being fitted out for a long cruise.

Whether she will go to the Philippines, to the Canaries, or, indeed, to the very coast of Spain or some particular errand for Uucle Sam is not known. Realizing the fact that more warships will be sent to the Pacific than have heretofore been retained there, the officers and men are in hopes that their ship will be sent either to the Philippines or one of the Eastern stations.

HOESON IN ATLANTA

Hero of the Merrimae Warmly Greeted in the Gate City.

(By Telegraph.)

ATLANTA, GA. August 2.—Richmond Pierson Hobson has had at least two warm receptions in his life. One was under the belching fires of Morro; the other was in the midst of Atlanta's hospitality today. He of Merrimbe fame was the toast of the whole town. Fro mthetime he arrived this morning until he departed tonight, he received one continuous ovation from young and old, big and little, patricias and piebelan.

The reception at the governor's mansion on Facchine street tonight to the young lieutenant was one of the most remarkable demonstrations ever witnessed in Atlanta.

Fully 3,000 people called to see Hebson and his mother. Everybody was invited and it seemed as if everybody went. The Beutenant was so completely exhausted shaking so namy hands and speaking a word of appreciation to so many people that he was forced the retire to a room and snatch a few moments rest before the reception was over. No more entinesiastic welcome or greeting has ever been extended to any former visitor to the Gate City.

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Spain's Inevitable "Manana" Again in Evidence.

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

then to the progress of General Miles march across the island. General Shafter's health reports today state that he is now earing for over 6,000 sick people including Spanish soldiers, many of whom are found to be very ill. The task is a formidable one and the attempt to care for all hinds probably explains in a measure the lack of adequate preparation of transports employed in bringing home some of the wounded and sick. The conditions on these boats were found to be so shocking as to demand an official investigation which was begun today, and some courtmartials may be looked for in high places unless it can be shown clearly that the lack of preparations was unavoidable.

Major General Young called at the War Department today fresh from the front, where his health broke down. As to the liners St. Paul and St. Louis, the Navy Department has not racched a decision, though in view of the President's desire to curtal war expenditures, wherever possible it is expected that they too will be surrendered by the Navy Department in the course of a few days. In this case four of the natval capains would be left without commands, namely, Sigsbee, of the St. Louis and Cotton, of the Harvard, for even if the vessels were used as army transports, the law would not permit naval officers to command them.

Fireproof wood is again in full favor in the Navy Department. Secretary Long having today issued orders for its use for the decks of battleships and monitors, the only place from which it had been excluded by preceding orders on account of some commander's reports of dampness. The secretary has decided that the battle of July 3 has removed any doubt as to the importance of protecting warships from the best means within reach. So he will appoint a board to consist of a line officer, a naval constructor and a chemist to examine reports coming from of-

BRIEF ITEMS.

WASHINGTON, August 2.—The War-bepartment has posted the following telegram from General Shafter, dated Samiago de Cuba, August 1; "All political prisoners have been im-mediately released as we reached them, Have not heard from Guantmanno, but General Ewers went there three days are to receive the surrender of arms and political prisoners. They were un-doubtedly released on his arrival."

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FOURTH MANILA EXPEDITION.
(By Telegraph.)

SAN FRANCISCO, August 2.—The Call says:

"The steamer Doric, which arrived late last night, brought news of the arrival at Honolulu of the fourth Manila expedition. The Doric left Honolulu last Monday. The transports arrived there the day before with all on board well and on Monday the boys in blue were ashore and were given a royal reception and a grand feast.

"The fourth expedition left here July 15 and reached Honolulu without mishap to either of the vessels. Great preparations are being made at the island for a grand celebration on the arrival of the amexation commissioners and the raising of the Stars and Stripes.

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WASHINGTON, August 2.—Lieutenant Commander E. D. Taussig has been detached from the Norfolk navy yard and ordered to command the sunboat Bennington, which is under orders to proceed to the Hawallan Islands, relieving Lieutenant Commander J. F. Moser, who is ordered to command the Albatross.

The new lot of fever preventive ter filters have arrived at Adams' Racket Store, jul

DOES SPAIN ACCEPT?

Late Madrid Extras Say She Does.

HOSTILITIES TO CEASE

Peace Delegation to Be

GERMAN PRESS EXPLAINS

Rodgers has all his heavy artillery on board, but there is still some other loading to be done.

The transports Sandmarco, Clinton and Knickerbocker arrived at quarantine this evening from Santiago. Eight more are expected tomorrow. They will come immediately to Port Tampa as soon as their period of detention is passed.

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It was reported yesterday that General Coppinger had received owders to go to Porto Rico, but today your correspondent learns that instead of receiving such an order he received a document by wire from the Secretary of War, stating that "he could go to Porto Rico, if he wanted to."

The Fifth cavairy departed tonight for Fernandina over the Plant Sysytem to Ocala.

ANOTHER LETTER FROM SCHLEY MACON, GA., Aug. 2—The folowing letter has been received from Commodore W. S. Schley by Mr. A. W. Reese, of Macon:
Flagship Brooklyn, Guantanamo, Cuba, July 26, 1888:
My Dear Mr. Reese: I thank you for your note of congratulation. I am afraid I am being praised more than I deserve for a simple act of duty to which my whole training in life has been directed. The victory was won by all who were engaged, and the people's thanks are more due to them than to me and I seel I could not appropriate to myself.

Very respectfully. W. S. SCHLEY.

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